

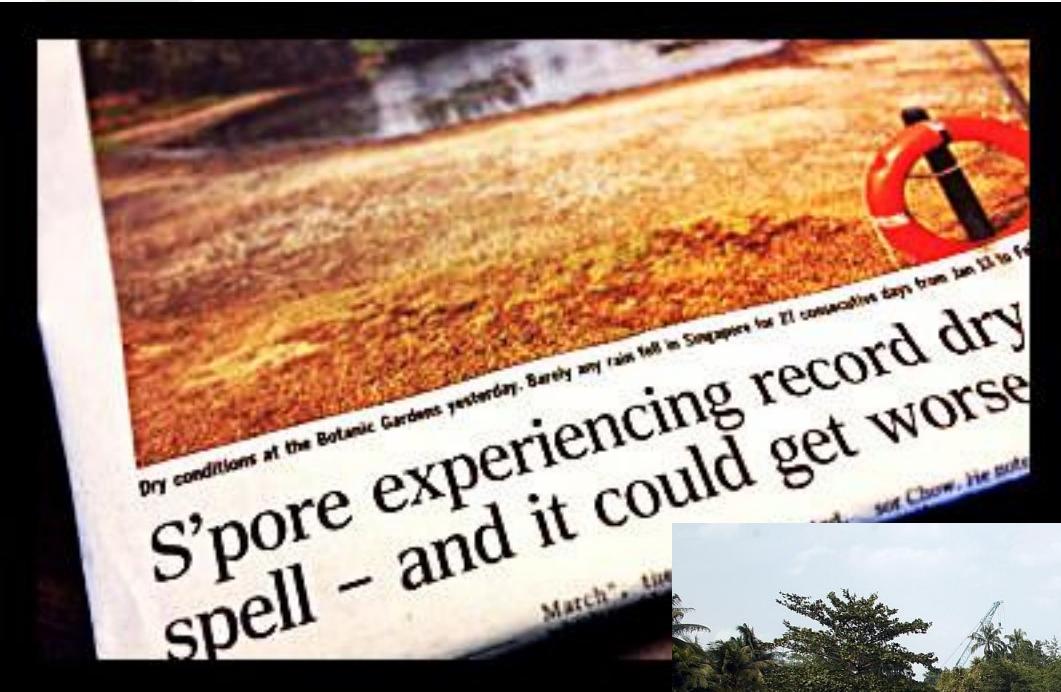
# Seed the Clouds – with Prayer and Faith





# Don't just wait around observing....Sow your seed!

- Ecc 11:4 He who observes the wind will not sow,  
And he who regards the clouds will not reap
- Ecc 11:6 Sow your seed in the morning and at  
evening, let not your hands be idle; for you do  
not know which will succeed whether this or that  
or whether both will do equally well



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# 1 Kings 18:41-45

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- **41** Then Elijah said to Ahab, “Go up, eat and drink; for *there is* the sound of abundance of rain.” **42** So Ahab went up to eat and drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees, **43** and said to his servant, “Go up now, look toward the sea.” So he went up and looked, and said, “*There is* nothing.” And seven times he said, “Go again.” **44** Then it came to pass the seventh *time*, that he said, “There is a cloud, as small as a man’s hand, rising out of the sea!” So he said, “Go up, say to Ahab, ‘Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you.’ ”
- **45** Now it happened in the meantime that the sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain. So Ahab rode away and went to Jezreel. **46** Then the hand of the Lord came upon Elijah; and he girded up his loins and ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.



# 1 Kings 19:1-4

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■ And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup> Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So let the gods do *to me*, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.” <sup>3</sup> And when he saw *that*, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which *belongs* to Judah, and left his servant there. <sup>4</sup> But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, “It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!”



# Seeding the clouds with prayer

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- 1 Kings 18:42 Ahab went up to eat and drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees
- James 5:17-18 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. <sup>8</sup> And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.



# Invisibility

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- 1 Kings 18:43 "Go up now, look toward the sea." So he went up and looked, and said, "*There is nothing.*"
- *Some seasons of survival are marked by invisibility. God's work is not always visible from the start.*
- *Something is happening when nothing is seen.*
- *Whenever you start in faith, it always feels like nothing.*



# Insignificance

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- 1 Kings 18:44 Then it came to pass the seventh *time*, that he said, “There is a cloud, as small as a man’s hand, rising out of the sea!”
- *Everything God wants to do in your life starts small, so small you may dismiss it.*
- *Our faith dies when the enemy convinces us to believe that the work of God is insignificant.*



# Intimidation

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- 1 Kings 19:2-3 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So let the gods do *to me*, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time."... And when he saw *that*, he arose and ran for his life
- *Elijah expected God's blessing to eliminate the resistance he was facing, but it didn't.*
- *When you run from the resistance, you run from the rain. When you run from the battle, you run from the blessings. When you run from the problem, you run from the promise.*